ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Centennial Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Loflin Church, Pike County, Alabama,

September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1893.

OFFICERS:

GEO. WILLIAMS, Moderator.....Union Springs, Ala.
F. E TOMPKINS, CLERK.....Fitzpatrick, "
B. T. ELEY, Treasurer.....Union Springs, "

The next session will be held with Perote Church, Bullock County, Ala., commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1894. Introductory Sermon by Eld. W. A. Whipple. Doctrinal Sermon by Eld. G. W. Dalby.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Intermission.
3. Moderator call Association to order.
4. Letters read and Messengers enrolled.
5. Election of officers.
6. Admission of new churches.
7. Correspondence received.
8. Appointment of special committees, viz: (*a*) Preaching, (*b*) Documents, (*c*) Auditing, (*d*) Finance, (*e*) Nominations.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Reports of standing committees.
11. Reports of special committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Treasurer's report.
14. Read minutes of previous day.
15. Call the roll.
16. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Centennial Association convened with Loflin Church, Pike County, Ala., in 18th Annual Session, at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday, September 21st, 1893.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. W. Dalby. Text, 1 Cor. 3:9: "For we are laboring together with Christ."

EVENING SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Geo. Williams. The letters from the churches were handed in and read by C. W. Hare and G. W. Harrison. The names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberfoil—F. O. Bickley, J. W. Cumson, T. J. King and W. R. Phelps.
Ebenezer—C. A. Davis.
Fairview—R. E. Broadaway, T. J. Foreman, L. D. Dix and A. F. Dix, Jr.
Greenwood—W. C. Hufham, R. S. Kirley and F B. Williams.
Indian Creek—M. B. Phillips, C. Crawley, T. O Smith and J. S. Finlayson.
Loflin—J. P. Dozier, L. W. Barron, R. P. Howell, W. T. Hightower and C Bradham.
Midway—Wm O'Neil and J. P Downing.
Mt. Carmel—J. E. Jenkins and Jas. Jones,
Mt. Zion—J. H. Cogdell, V. H. Tillery and J. C. Bradbury.
Macedonia—J. M. Loflin, A. C. May, W. H. Cockcraft, J. C. Rotton and G. A. Loflin.
Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Cobb, H. W Griggs and R. W. Scarborough.
Perote—T F. Davis, E. W. Stark, J. R. McDowell and W. W. Miles.
Sardis—J. F. Martin.
Union Springs—G. W. Dalby and Geo. Williams.

The body proceeded to the election of officers. The following officers were re-elected, viz: Geo. Williams, Moderator; F. E. Tompkins, Clerk; and B. F. Eley, Treasurer.

On motion, all speeches were limited to thirty minutes. The names of correspondents were enrolled as follows:

Eufaula Association—T. H. Stout, G. W. Harrison and R. Herring.
Brundidge Church—L. M. Bradley.

C. W. Hare was received as agent of the Judson Female College and ALABAMA BAPTIST.

T. H. Stout was received as agent of Foreign, Home and State Mission Boards, and of the Board of Ministerial Education.

R. Herring was received as agent of Foreign Mission Journal.

The pastor and deacons of Loflin church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

There being no report on Temperance, G. W. Dalby read the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the delegates representing the Baptist churches of the Centennial Association, recognize it as being incumbent on us, and our churches, to use all our influence religiously, socially and as citizens, against the liquor traffic in all its forms.

C. Crowley,
Wm. Martin,
Committee

The Moderator announced the special committees:

Auditing Committee—J. E. Jenkins, L. D. Dix and L. W. Barron.
On Finance—F. O. Bickley, J. H. Cogdell and J. R. McDowell.
On Documents—W. C. Hufham, M. B. Phillips and J. P. Downing.
On Nominations—Jas. Jones, M. Ivey and J. H. Cogdell.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that T. H. Stout will preach to-night, and L. M. Bradley will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Hours of meeting and adjourning adopted as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 11 a. m. for preaching. Meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at option. Adjourned—prayer by J. M. Loflin.

FRIDAY—9. A. M.

Religious exercises were conducted by B. Brown. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Letter from Midway church was read.

On motion, the reports on Missions made special order for 10 o'clock.

Committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their families reported, and the report adopted as follows:

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We are thankful to the Giver of all good, that the lives of our brethren have been spared through another year; and their families are not in need.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Loflin.

The report of committee on Sunday-schools read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It has become a well established fact, that Sunday-schools have become the most efficient means of educating the young in a knowledge of the word of God. Its importance for this purpose can scarcely be over-estimated when we consider the fact that a very large per cent. of those who are being received into our churches, especially in the towns and cities, are from those who have had Sunday-school training. Churches having Sunday-schools report annually much larger number of conversions, and also much larger contributions for missions than those who do not have them. Your committee earnestly recommend all our churches to engage in the Sunday-school work. All books, papers, etc., for the prosecution of the work, can be obtained from our Sunday-school Board, at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. Eley,
T. O. Smith,
A. C. May.

10 a. m. There being no report from the committees on Foreign, Home and State Missions, on motion of G. W. Dalby, they were consolidated into one general report, which was read. Pending the discussion of the report, 11 o'clock, the hour for preaching arrived, and the body adjourned for preaching.

11 a. m. Preaching by L. M. Bradley. Text, St. John 1:42, "And He brought him to Jesus."

EVENING SESSION—2. O'CLOCK.

Sang a hymn, and prayer by R. Herring.

Letters from Sardis and Mt. Pleasant churches were read.

J. T. Harden was received as correspondent from Salem Association.

Discussion of report on Missions was continued, and the report was adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that R. Herring will preach at Jas. Austin's to-night, that J. M. Loflin will preach the Doctrinal Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., and that G. W. Dalby will preach the Missionary Sermon Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m.

At the request of Wm. O'Neill, G. W. Dalby led in prayer for God's blessing on the Foreign Mission cause.

Report on Nominations read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend:

1st, That the next meeting of this Association be held with Perote church, convening on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1894.

2nd, That Eld. W. A. Whipple preach the introductory sermon.

3rd, That Eld G. W. Dalby preach the doctrinal sermon.

4th, That Eld. G. W. Dalby be delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. J. M. Loflin and Bro. M. Ivey, alternates.

5th, That the following be delegates to the State Convention: Elders W. A. Whipple, J M. Loflin, M. N. Eley, Charles Crawley, J. O. Hixon, A. F. Dix, G. W. Dalby and brethren George Williams, B. T. Eley, T. M. Gholston, M. Ivey and Wm. O'Neill.

JAMES JONES,
J. H. COGDELL,
M. IVEY,
Committee.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee to whom was committed the matter of reporting on the subject of Education, are rejoiced to note the widespread interest in educational matters. Fathers and mothers are sacrificing that their children may receive proper training for the great battles of life. Those schools which give the most practical teaching should receive the greatest encouragement. The Baptists of Alabama have established two first-class colleges for the training of their youth. The Judson Institute was located more than 50 years ago at Marion, Ala., and has put its stamp upon many noble girls who have gone forth to bless and brighten the world This school is under the very best Christian influence, and no parent need be afraid to place his daughter within its walls.

Howard College, at East Lake, has done and is doing for the boys what the Judson does for the girls. The present session has opened with a large attendance. Baptists are foremost in the matter of ministerial education. Every year there are some thirty young preachers in Howard College, and about a half dozen in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., from Alabama. This Association should take up pledges to aid our Board of Ministerial Education, and forward funds to Geo. W. Ellis, Montgomery, Ala.

We urge our preachers to preach an occasional sermon on education, and inform their people about the Howard and Judson.

Respectfully submitted.

On motion of J. M. Loflin, the following was adopted:

To the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

At the annual meeting of the Centennial Baptist Association, held with Loflin church, it was

Resolved, That we endorse and approve the applications of our brethren, J. A. Jenkins and B. Broome, and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the Board of Ministerial Education for such aid as they may extend. We pledge ourselves as individuals, and as churches, to exert every effort in our power to raise funds for the cause of Ministerial Education; all funds to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board toward the support of Brothers J. A. Jenkins and B. Broome, as said beneficiaries.

Done on this 22d day of September, 1893.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS,
Moderator.

F. E. TOMPKINS, Clerk.

Adjourned—sang a hymn and prayer by R. Herring.

SATURDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Religious exercises were conducted by R. Herring.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The report on Religious Literature was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Parents are very careful to see that their children are fed on wholesome food, lest they become sick, but the larger portion of these same parents take no thought of what mental food is being consumed by their loved ones. The fact is, that what one reads will go largely toward shaping his character. Trace the history of any skeptic, infidel, highwayman or criminal, and you generally find some bad book at the beginning of the journey. Every home should be filled with good books and newspapers, to help in counteracting the evil influences about us, and in instructing us in the things of our God. The Bible is the most important. The Alabama Baptist desires the support of every Baptist in Alabama. The Foreign Mission Journal should also form a part of each one's library. These papers are worth much more than their cost to all who will read them.

E. A. BROOKS,
H. W. GRIGGS,
Committee.

On motion, all speeches limited to five minutes. A letter from R. Herring, in behalf of Siloam church, was read.

Report of committee on State of the Churches and Associational Field was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD.

Your committee on the State of the Churches and Associational Field, are thankful that they are able to report favorably on the general condition of our churches and associational field. Many of our churches have been blessed with gracious revivals, and the conversion of a goodly number of people. Our pastorless churches, constituting our only destitution, have been well supplied during the last three months by young Bro. Lowry, supported in part by our State Mission Board. We heartily endorse Bro. Crumpton's efforts in this part of our field. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Beverley,
J. H. Cogdell,
J. L. Childs,
Committee.

The Moderator then announced the following standing committees:

On Foreign Missions—J. P. Downing, H. S. Kirby, A. E. Brooks
On Home Missions—J. R. McDowell, J. E. Jenkins, V. H. Tillery.
On State Missions—J. H. Cogdell, F. O. Bickley, W. E Pierce.
On Education—J. M. Loflin, T. L Head, L D. Dix.
On Religious Literature—J. F. Martin, J. W. Cobb, C. A. Davis.
On Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families—W. C. Hufham, D. Cody, H. W. Griggs.
On Sunday-Schools—Wm. O'Neill L. W. Barron, A. C. May
On State of Churches and Associational Field—M. Ivey, T. O. Smith, T J. Miles.
On Temperance—A. F. Dix, sr., W. A. Powell, B. Broome.

Treasurer's report was read.

The same Executive Committee was re-elected, viz: M. N. Eley, G. W. Dalby, A. F. Dix, F. O. Bickley, T. M. Gholston and W. E. Pierce. (The officers of the association are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.)

The Colporter read his report, which was received.

REPORT OF COLPORTER.

Your Colporter begs leave to make the following report:

No. of miles traveled,	1200
No. of Bibles sold,	70
No. of Testaments sold,	15
No. of books sold,	42
Families found destitute of the word of God,	3
Sermons preached,	131
Sunday-Schools addressed,	8
Value of Books and Bibles sold,	$28.00
Value of Bibles donated,	1.60

J. M. Loflin, Colporter.

J. M. Loflin was continued as colporter.

On motion of G. W Dalby, the hearty thanks of the body were returned to this church and community, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the body.

Correspondents were returned as follows:

CORRESPONDENTS.

To Eufaula Association—S. J. Ming, C. Crawley, J. M. Loflin, J. W. Cobb, J. C. Rotton and L. W. Barron.

To Salem Association—B. Broome, J. C. Rotton, J. M. Loflin and G. W. Dalby.

Adjourned for preaching.

11 o'clock a. m., preaching by J. M. Loflin. Text, I Kings 10:1, "She came to prove him with hard questions."

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by C. Crawley.

Report of committee on Documents read, and report received as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents, beg leave to say that nothing has come before us, on which to make a report at the present session.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. HUFHAM,
J. P. DOWNING,
M. B. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

Report of committee on Finance read, and report received.

To the Centennial Association:

Herewith I hand you my sixth annual report of all moneys received and disbursed by me since my last report:

1892.			
Sept. 26.	To vouchers 2 to 8 from Finance Committee	$ 263 09	
	Cash from Finance Committee	114 40	
	" " Greenwood church	2 50	
	" " Mt. Carmel church	2 00	
	" " Union Springs church	50 03	
	" " Union Springs church	18 41	
	" " Greenwood church	1 50	
Oct. 6.	" " Union Springs church	16 55	
13.	" " Midway church	8 00	
1893.			
Sept. 20.	" " Union Springs church	8 30	
	CR.		
1892.			
Sept. 26.	By voucher No. 2, Union Springs church		$ 47 74
	" " 3, Union Springs church		56 32
	" " 4, Union Springs church		40 53
	" " 5, Union Springs church		60 00
	" " 6, Union Springs church		51 30
	" " 7, Perote church		3 00
	" " 8, A. F. Dix		4 20
Nov. 1.	" " 9, Sent W. B. Crumpton		176 69
Dec. 10.	" " 10, Paid Minutes		21 80
	" " 1, Paid F. E. Tompkins, Clerk		10 00
	By cash on hand		13 30
1893.		$ 484 78	$ 484 78
Sept. 20.	To cash on hand brought down	$ 13 30	

The above balance on hand, consisting of $13 30, belongs to associational missions.

Respectfully submitted,
B. T. ELEY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

We, the Auditing Committee, find the reports of Treasurer and Finance committee correct. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Jenkins,
L. D. Dix,
L. W. Barron,
Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Just after Christ had risen in triumph from the grave, and before ascending to his Father, he asserted that he had all authority in heaven and on earth, and based on that authority, he commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach his gospel. Your committee is rejoiced to know the followers of Christ are endeavoring to carry out that command. Some of them are in China, Japan, India, Burmah, Italy, Africa, Cuba, Brazil, the Islands of the Sea and other countries. Millions are going hand in hand, throughout this country, telling the old, old story. Witnesses for Christ are to be found in nearly every section of the globe. Yet, there are millions and millions in foreign lands, who have never heard of the Savior of mankind. So, in this country there are many sections which need help, so that regular preaching may be maintained. Our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., our Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., and our State Board at Marion, Ala., have the different departments of the mission work in hand, and will make the wisest and best disposition of money given them. Our churches should all make regular contributions to each Board.

Respectfully submitted, F. O. Bickley.

Preaching Thursday night by T. H. Stout. Text, 1 Tim. 1:11, "The glorious gospel of the blessed God."

Preaching Saturday night by G. W. Harrison. Text, 2 Kings 5:13.

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m., by G. W. Dalby. Text, 2 Thes. 2:16.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. N. Eley,	Post Office	Union Springs.
J. O. Hixson,	" "	" "
G. W. Dalby,	" "	" "
A. F. Dix,	" "	Pine Grove.
J. M. Loflin,	" "	Mt. Hilliard.
H. W. Griggs,	" "	Linwood.
C. Crawley,	" "	Indian Creek.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved 1. That we recommend to our State Board, four of our churches—Aberfoil, Ebenezer, Mt. Pleasant and Perote, as being in needs and worthy of some financial aid during the next twelve months.

Resolved 2. That we request said churches to make to the State Board, with the endorsement of their pastors, a full and fair statement of their financial ability.

The roll was called and corrected.

The next meeting of the Western District of this Association will be held with Ebenezer Church, Macon Co. The time to be fixed by Ebenezer Church; J. M. Loflin to preach the introductory sermon.

Adjourned to meet with Perote Church on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1894. Geo. Williams, Mod.

F. E. Tompkins, Clerk.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	State Missions Cash	State Missions Voucher	Home Missions Cash	Home Missions Voucher	Foreign Missions Cash	Foreign Missions Voucher	Missions Undesignated—Cash.	Bible and Colportage—Voucher	Howard College Voucher	Minutes	Benevolence. Cash	Centennial Funds Voucher	Total
Aberfoil	4 50									50			5 00
Fairview	2 05									1 00			3 05
Greenwood	2 00				6 35					1 50			9 85
Indian Creek	5 50									2 00	3 01	10 00	10 51
Liberty													
Macedonia	4 35	2 30		71		91		28		1 50		3 55	13 60
Midway	2 00	2 14	1 00	1 01	1 25	1 29		56		1 00			10 25
Mt. Carmel	1 00	5 71	1 00	1 51	75	1 94		84		2 00			14 75
Mt. Zion					4 00					1 00		5 00	10 00
Mt. Pleasant	2 00		2 00		1 00					1 50			6 50
Perote		7 70		56		92		32		1 50		30 00	41 00
Sardis	7 00		5 00		5 00					50			17 50
Siloam													
Loflin										1 60			1 60
Union Springs		167 21		64 04		82 29		15 23	27 35			213 30	569 42
Ebenezer										1 00			1 00
Collections at Associations							14 25						14 25
Total	30 40	185 06	9 00	67 83	18 35	87 35	14 25	17 23	27 35	16 60	3 01	261 85	738 28

STATISTICS OF CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION, 1893

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	Membership Last Reported.	Incr'se by			D'crse by			Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.						
Aberfoil	Bullock		F. O. Bickley	Union Springs.	31	5	....	..	3	...	1	32	....	....	4	1	1
Ebenezer	Macon		C. A. Davis	Hardaway	18	8	1	..	....	..	..	23	....	.....	1	.....	1
Fairview	Bullock		Paul F. Dix	Pine Grove	38	.....	.....	1	5	1	1	32	....	.....	.....	....	..
Greenwood	Bullock	R Herring	W. C. Hufham.	Fitzpatrick's	35	2	.....	..	....	..	...	37	6	38	4	1	1
Indian Creek	Bullock	W. C. T. Mosely	G. A. Norris	Perote	66	23	7	..	..	..	1	95	.....	...	4	.....	1
Loflin	Pike	G. W. Harrison	L. W. Barron	Josie	34	15	4	1	2	..	2	50	6	37	1	1	1
Liberty	Bullock	J. L. Youngblood.	T. M. Hough	Post Oak,	52	....	....	..	....	..	..	52	..	...	...	....	...
Macedonia	Bullock	J. M. Loflin.	W. A. C. May.	Mt. Hilliard	61	3	5	..	2	2	1	64	....	...	3	....	1
Midway	Montgomery	R. Herring	W. L. O'Neil	Shopton	40	4	5	..	2	..	2	45	4	30	2	....	1
Mt. Carmel	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	Jas. Jones	Shopton	61	5	3	...	8	..	..	61	7	.....	3	.	1
Mt. Pleasant	Pike	R. Herring	J. W. Cobb	Linwood	35	3	.....	..	4	4	..	30	.....	.....	1	1	1
Mt. Zion	Bullock	W. A. Whipple	Jas. Bates	Post Oak	101	19	1	1	3	1	..	118	.....	.....	3	.....	1
Perote	Bullock	L. M. Bradley	J. R. McDowell	Perote	24	11	9	2	.....	..	1	45	..	....	2	1	1
Sardis	Bullock	J. O. Hixon	J. F. Martin	Union Springs	20	...	...	..	.....	...	..	21	.	...	1	....	..
Siloam	Pike	R Herring			55	...	...	..	....	...	...	15	...	...	3	1	1
Union Springs	Pike	G. W. Dalbey	C. P. West	Union Springs.	240	6	11	..	7	.	1	249	15	125	E'rvy S	1	1
Total					893	104	46	5	36	8	10	902	38	230			

Sunday-School Superintendents and their Post-offices—Greenwood, W. C. Hufham, Fitzpatrick's. Loflin, E. A. Brooks, Perote. Midway, J. P. Downing, Downing. Mt Carmel, F. E. Tompkins, Greenwood. Perote, M. Ivey, Perote. Union Springs, B. T. Eley, Union Springs.

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